



MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **April 14, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.**

Meeting Location: **Marathon County Health Department, Monona & Dubay Rooms, 1000 Lake View Drive, Wausau WI**

Committees Members: Tara Draeger, Helen Luce, Stacey Morache, Jennifer Aarrestad, Yee Leng Xiong, Ann Lemmer, Kelly Sinkler, John Kroll

Marathon County Mission Statement: *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business. (Last updated: 12-20-05)*

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment (15 Minutes)** *(Any person who wishes to address the Board of Health during the "Public Comment" portion of meetings, must provide his or her name, address, and the topic he or she wishes to present to the Marathon County Clerk, acting secretary of the meeting, or chair of the committee, no later than five minutes before the start of the meeting. Public comments are limited to those germane to the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. Commenters must announce their name and municipality prior to commenting and must direct their comments to the Board of Health Chairperson. All commenters shall refrain from personal attacks; avoid directing comments to individual members; refrain from profane, abusive, threatening, or offensive comments; and maintain a respectful tone. The chairperson may limit or end a particular comment, or the period of public comment as a whole, if commenters do not maintain decorum. Comments must be confined to 3 minutes per speaker.)*
4. **Approval of the February 10, 2026, Board of Health Meeting Minutes**
5. **Policy Recommendations to County Administrator (for Discussion and Possible Action)**
 - A. None
6. **Policy Recommendations to Health and Human Services Committee (for Discussion and Possible Action)**
 - A. None
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Public Health Coordinator – Homelessness Response Position Update – Welcome Meagan Barnett!
 - B. Follow-up on Heat Emergency Response Plan
 - C. Follow-up on Gambling Disorder conversation
 - State conversations include discussions at Policy/Advocacy Committee of WPHA
 - “APHA advocates for a public health approach to sports betting regulation and has pursued legal and advocacy efforts to address the harms associated with the industry. While the APHA does not have a single, specific "policy" as a regulatory body would, it actively supports legislative efforts like the SAFE Bet Act, which aims to establish federal standards for the sports betting industry”
 - Additional resources Local Health Officers shared:
 - <https://www.harvardmagazine.com/2025/03/harvard-research-gambling-public-health-crisis>
 - <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/gambling-disorder.htm>
 - Marathon County related activities
 - D. Community Health Improvement team update and emerging topics
 - Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs update
 - E. Upcoming Events: (1) 140 Review Invitation: April 21, 2026; 12:30-3:30. (2) mental health month events in May (3) LIFE announcement in May
 - F. Stories and data from the CHIP - moved to June agenda
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Announcements and Future Agenda Items:**

A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.

B. Next Board of Health Meeting: June 9, 2026 at 8:30 am

9. Adjournment

**Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 261-1500 or e-mail countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting*

SIGNED: _____

Presiding Officer or Designee

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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.**

Meeting Location: **WebEx/Marathon County Health Department, Monona & Dubay Rooms, 1000 Lake View Drive, Wausau, WI**

Committee Members:

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Tara Draeger | In-person |
| Helen Luce | WebEx |
| Stacey Morache | WebEx |
| Jennifer Aarrestad | In-person |
| Yee Leng Xiong | WebEx |
| Ann Lemmer | In-person |
| Kelly Sinkler | WebEx |
| John Kroll | In-person |

MCHD Staff Present: Caitlin Suginaka, Kang Chu Yang, Meranda Eggebrecht, Amanda Ostrowski, Kate Florek, Laura Fischer

Others via WebEx: Mai Choua Lee, Dr. Ksheshani Bhushan, 7158****05

Others In Person:

1. **Call Meeting to Order-** Chair, Tara Draeger called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.
2. **Pledge of the allegiance.**
3. **Public Comment Period.**
 - A. None
4. **Approval of the December 9, 2025, Board of Health Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the December 9th, 2025, Board of Health meeting, made by AL. Second by JK. Motion approved.
5. **Policy Recommendations to County Administrator (for Discussion and Possible Action)**
 - A. Health Officer, Caitlin Suginaka, recommended submission of an application for funding to update the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) plan with a heat emergency response component. Suginaka provided an overview of how the funding would support this effort. A motion to approve was made by JA and second by HL.
6. **Policy Recommendations to Health and Human Services Committee (for Discussion and Possible Action)**
 - A. None
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. New! BOH Planner
Suginaka reviewed the outline of potential discussion topics for the year. The outline serves as a flexible planning tool and may be adjusted as needed. The purpose is to provide Board of Health members with an overview of anticipated topics for upcoming meetings.
 - B. Public Health Coordinator – Homelessness Response Position Update
Suginaka reported that a candidate has been selected for the position, with a planned start date of March 16. Suginaka reviewed the responsibilities associated with the role. Questions were asked and answered.
 - C. THC Follow-up
 - Resource: The State of Hemp-Derived Products in WI:
<https://www.wisbar.org/NewsPublications/WisconsinLawyer/Pages/Article.aspx?Volume=9>



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Community Health Improvement Director, Amanda Ostrowski, provided an update on THC and linked resources offering a high-level overview of hemp-derived products. Suginaka shared additional information regarding legal authority and best practices to determine appropriate Health Department response options. Suginaka also emphasized the value of sharing information with municipalities. Questions were asked and answered.

D. Public Health Vending Machines

Ostrowski provided an overview of the products currently available in the public health vending machines at Health First and the Community Partners Campus. She noted that two additional products will be added. Questions were asked and answered.

E. Communicable Disease Team Update and Emerging Topics

Family Health and Communicable Disease Director, Meranda Eggebrecht, provided an overview of the Communicable Disease (CD) team, including its staffing and program areas: immunization, reportable diseases, sexually transmitted infections, and tuberculosis. Eggebrecht also noted that the CD team remains connected to national and global networks to stay informed about emerging issues and identify new opportunities. Questions were asked and answered.

8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Announcements and Future Agenda Items:**

A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.

- i. Gambling/Other Additions: What type of services and treatment options are available for those in need of help?

B. Next Board of Health Meeting: April 14, 2026, at 8:30 am.

9. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn (JA, AL). Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:47AM.

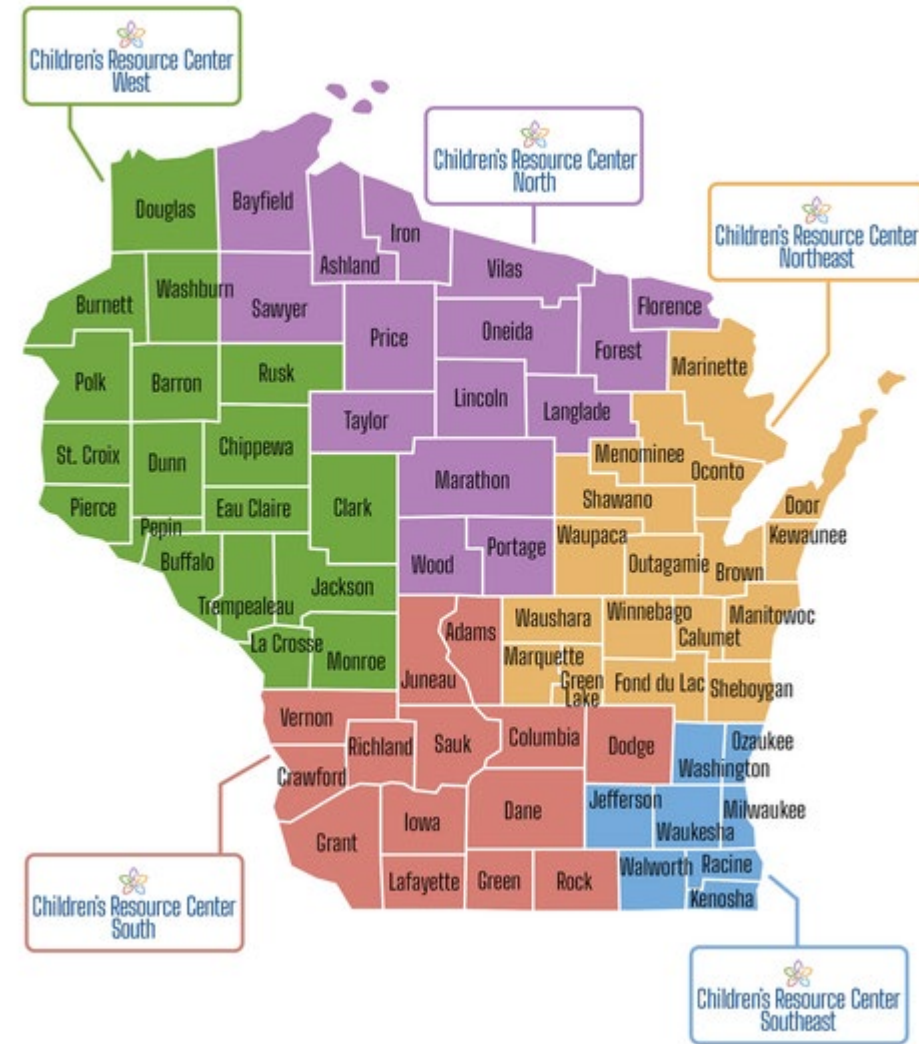
Minutes prepared by Mai Choua Lee, Marathon County Health Department Senior Administrative Specialist.

Children's Resource Center- North



Children's Resource Centers

- Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs programs are funded through Maternal Child Health Block grant through Wisconsin Division of Public Health
- Children's Resource Centers are part of a statewide network working towards increasing care coordination (Medical Home).
- 5 Resource Centers, one in each Public Health region located in Public Health Departments or medical systems



Core Services

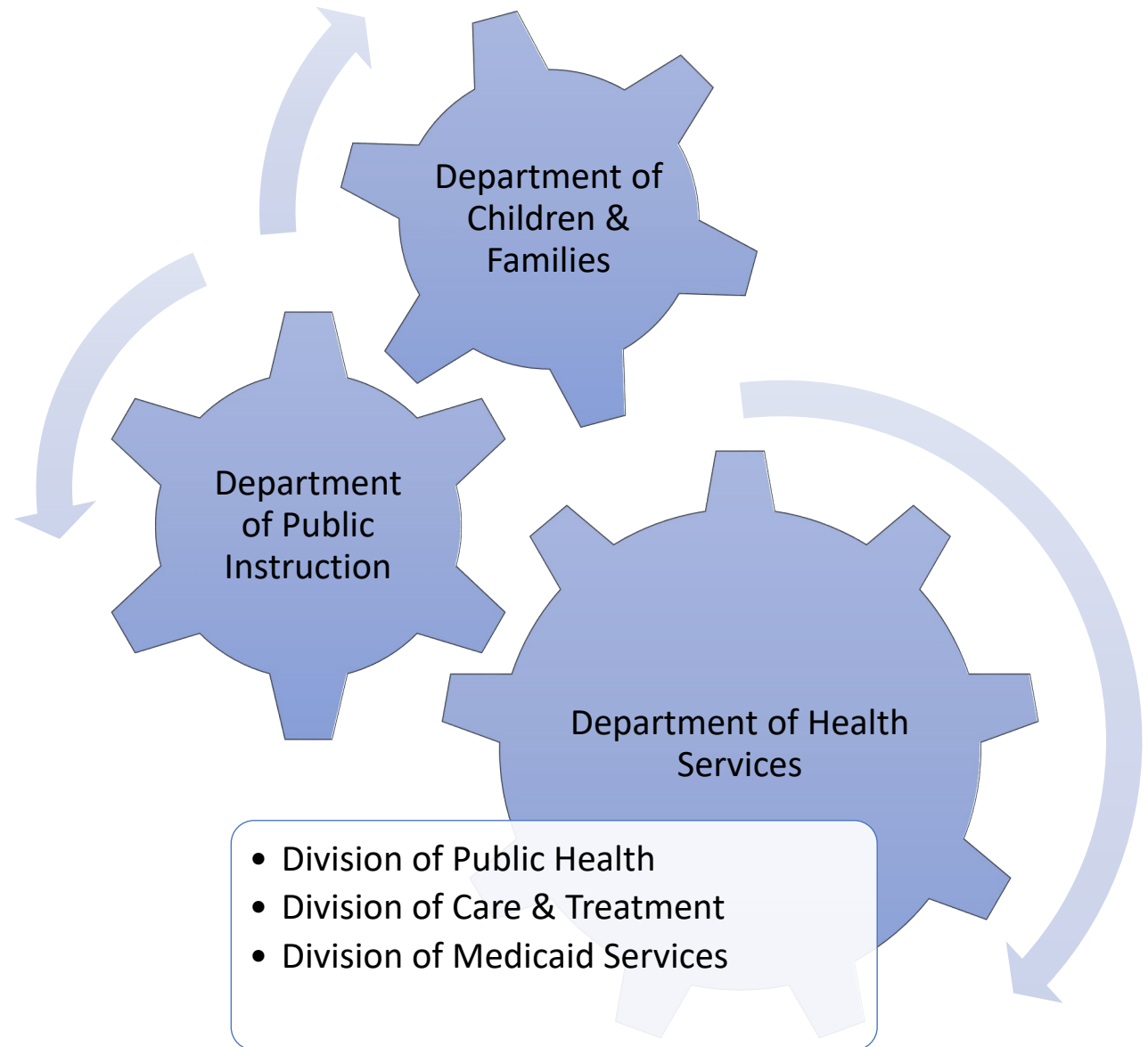
Children's Resource Centers provide free and confidential services and have up to date information on a variety of topics, including:

- Understanding health benefits including navigating private insurance and finding Medicaid providers
- Locating doctors and dental care
- Communicating with schools
- Facilitating parent-to-parent support
- Providing information on specific diagnoses
- Identifying services in the community or state
- Transitioning to adult settings

Children's Resource Guides

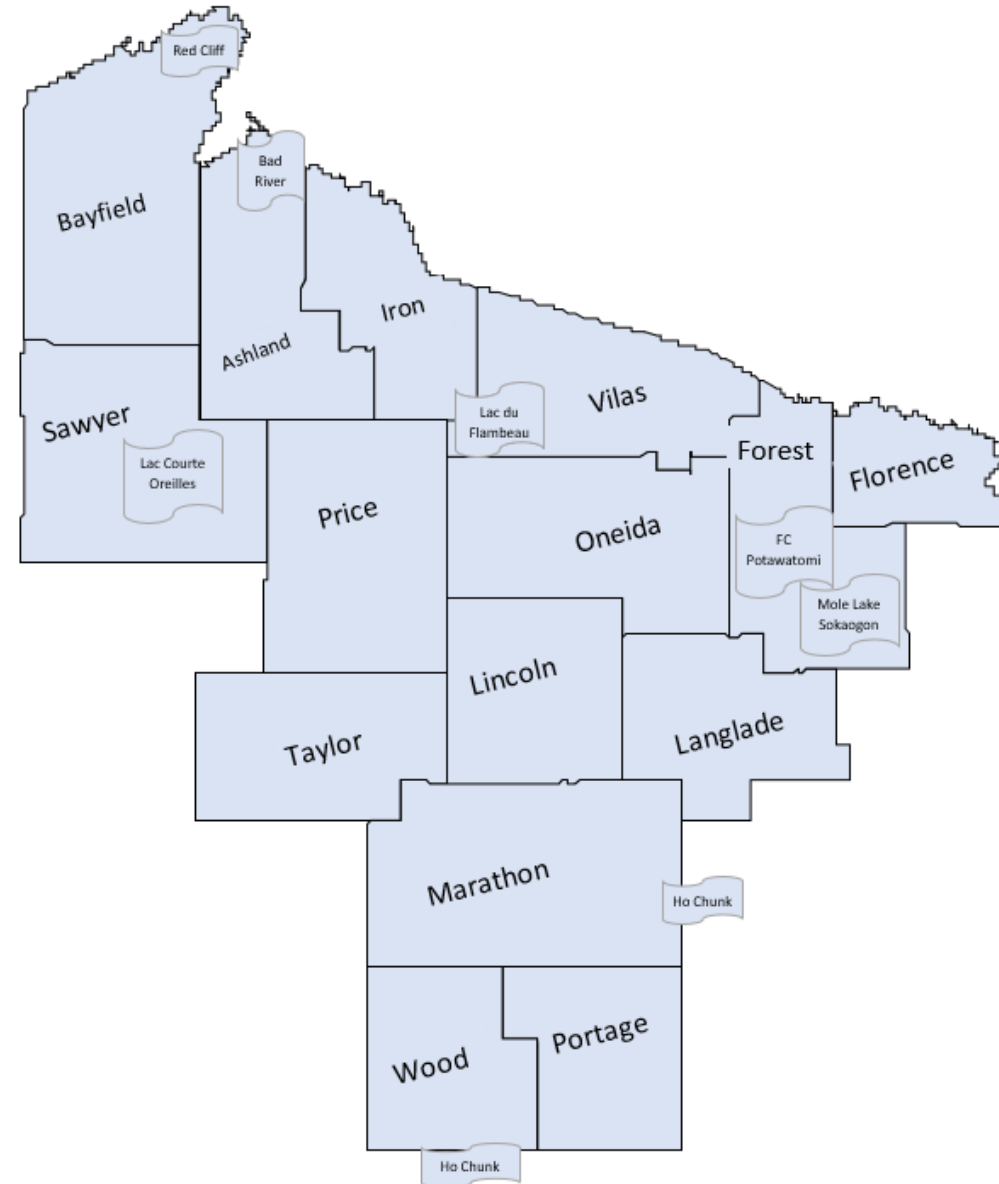
- Staff at the Resource Centers help families as well as professionals find the supports and services they need.
- Resource Guides know a little bit about many programs that families are involved in. They also can discuss in-depth specifics on the key supports families typically access.
- Staff take the time to explain to families what services are covered and why.
- Staff check to make sure that families know all that is available to them and coach families on how to navigate systems.

Wisconsin Wayfinder

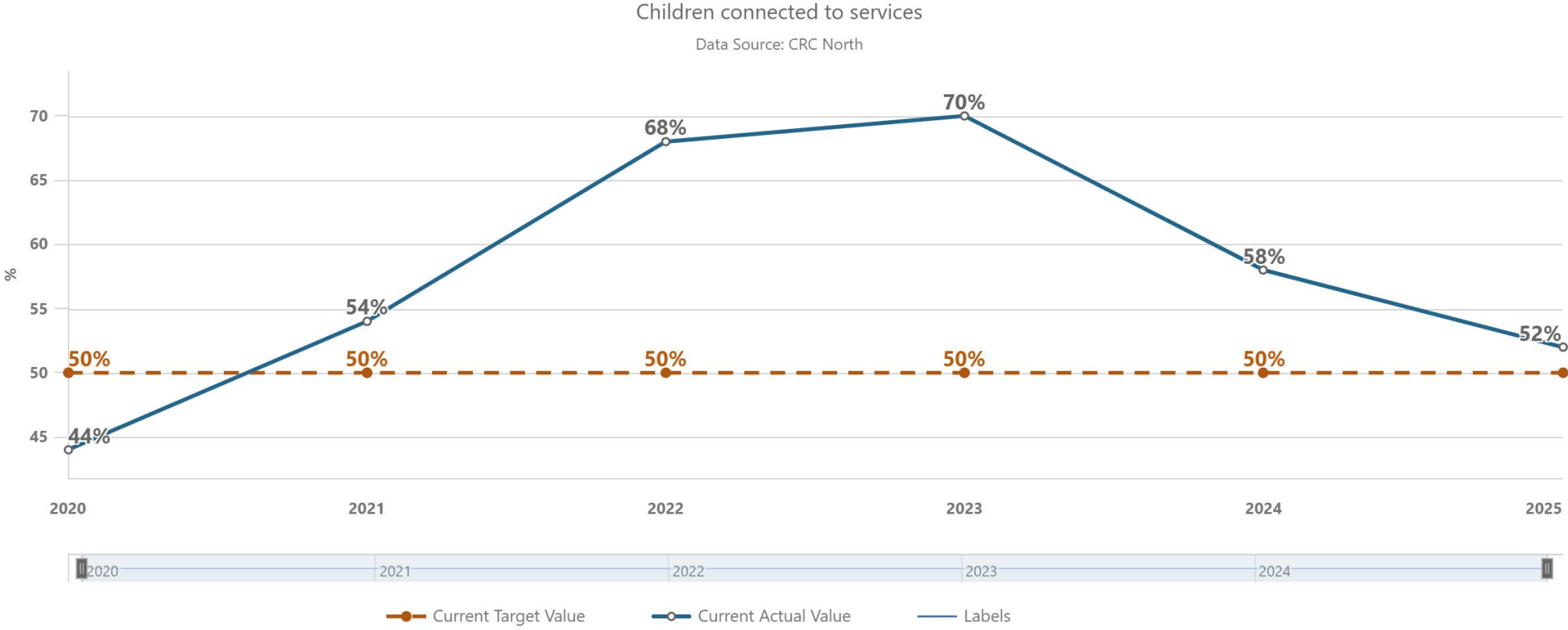


CRC-North

- 119 families served in the region last year including 34 families in Marathon County.
- 89 professionals were provided technical assistance. 18 of those professionals were provided technical assistance for Marathon Co families



Measure- Connected to Services



Recent & Ongoing Projects

- Parent Cafés- builds resilience amongst families
- Connect & Share- opportunities for families to connect informally in the community
- Family Support Summits
 - December 2024 in Wausau with Sean Inderbitzen, DSW
 - April 2025 in Lac du Flambeau
 - 100% of survey respondents reported learning something new

Feedback

“Thank you so much. You are always so helpful. I appreciate you as my go to person!”

“Sara Owens-Keenan is amazing, very thoughtful, empathetic and supportive, gave me a ton of useful information. “

“Wow. I appreciate this information so much. Your service is so valuable to me as a social worker. I work with families who are overwhelmed and confused by our system. When I can share information like this, it makes the entire process less scary.”



YTD Disease Incidents by Episode Date
Incidents for MMWR Weeks 1 - 12 (through week ending March 28, 2026)
Jurisdiction: Marathon County

| Disease Group | Disease | 2026 | | | | | | | | | | Total |
|---|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| | | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 | Week 6 | Week 7 | Week 8 | Week 9 | Week 10 | Week 11 | Week 12 | |
| Blastomycosis | <i>Group Total:</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Campylobacteriosis | <i>Group Total:</i> | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Carbon Monoxide Poisoning | <i>Group Total:</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Chlamydia Trachomatis Infection | <i>Group Total:</i> | 2 | 11 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 59 |
| Coronavirus-Associated Hospitalizations | <i>Group Total:</i> | 9 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 49 |
| Cryptosporidiosis | <i>Group Total:</i> | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Giardiasis | <i>Group Total:</i> | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Gonorrhea | <i>Group Total:</i> | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Haemophilus Influenzae Invasive Disease | <i>Group Total:</i> | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Hepatitis B | <i>Group Total:</i> | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Hepatitis C | <i>Group Total:</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 7 |
| Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations | <i>Group Total:</i> | 8 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 60 |
| Invasive Streptococcal Disease (Groups A And B) | <i>Group Total:</i> | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 14 |
| Legionellosis | <i>Group Total:</i> | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Lyme Disease | <i>Group Total:</i> | 3 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 21 |
| Mycobacterial Disease (Nontuberculous) | <i>Group Total:</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Pathogenic E.coli | <i>Group Total:</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| RSV-Associated Hospitalizations | <i>Group Total:</i> | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 31 |
| Salmonellosis | <i>Group Total:</i> | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Shigellosis | <i>Group Total:</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Streptococcus Pneumoniae Invasive Disease | <i>Group Total:</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Syphilis | <i>Group Total:</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Toxoplasmosis | <i>Group Total:</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Tuberculosis, Latent Infection (LTBI) | <i>Group Total:</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| | <i>Period Total:</i> | 26 | 24 | 35 | 34 | 26 | 23 | 16 | 13 | 15 | 11 | 280 |